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	Examiner Mark Blouin	Art Unit 2653	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5-9 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3,4,10,&11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The phrase "other components" is unclear and indefinite as to its relationship to the "connecting part" and where the collision occurs.

3. Claim 1 recites the limitation "connecting part" in lines 8 and 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. The Examiner cannot assume that "connecting device" and "connecting part" are the same feature.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1,2,5,6,8,9,12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Horino (JP 2000-243046).
6. Regarding Claims 1,2,8, and 9, Horino shows (Fig. 1), an optical disc drive having an impact cushion mechanism, comprising an optical pick up head (24), two guide bars (18,22)

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supporting the optical pick up head, a driving mechanism (30) for driving the optical pick up head to move back and forth on the guide bar, a connecting device (26) connecting the optical pick up head and the driving mechanism, and two elastic objects, springs (34,36), provided at two sides of the connecting part to prevent the connecting part from colliding with other components in the optical disc drive when the optical pick up head is moving on the guide bars, wherein the impact force can be reduced by elastic objects when the connecting device collides with the chassis [0012-0014].

7. Regarding Claims 5 and 14, Horino shows (Fig. 1), the connecting device is a rack (26).
8. Regarding Claims 6 and 12, Horino shows (Fig. 1), the driving mechanism comprises a gear (28) and motor (inherent).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 7 and 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horino (JP 2000-243046).

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11. Regarding Claims 7 and 13, Horino shows all features shown, supra, but does not show a driving mechanism moving the pick up head comprising a threaded rod and a motor. Official Notice is taken that a driving mechanism moving the pick up head comprising a threaded rod and a motor is well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the threaded rod and motor to drive the pick up head in place of the gear and rack arrangement as taught by Horino since they art recognized equivalents for translating a pick up head.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 3,4,10, and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

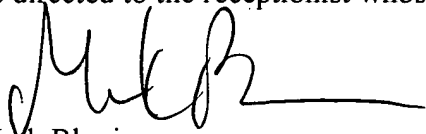
Conclusion

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mark Blouin whose telephone number is (571) 272-7583. The examiner can normally be reached M-F, 6:00 am – 3:30 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached at (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular and After Final communications.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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